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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS ON
THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR

The United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,
hereinafter referred to as the Parties,

Guided by the objectives of strengthening world peace and international
security,

Conscious that nuclear war would have devastating consequences for man-
kind,

Proceeding from the desire to bring about conditions in which the danger
of an outbreak of nuclear war anywhere in the world would be reduced and
ultimately eliminated,

Proceeding from their obligations under the Charter of the United Nations
regarding the maintenance of peace, refraining from the threat or use of
force, and the avoidance of war, and in conformity with the agreements to
which either Party has subscribed,

Proceeding from the Basic Principles of Relations between the United States
of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics signed in Moscow on
May 29, 1972,

Reaffirming that the development of relations between the United States of
America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is not directed against
other countries and their interests,

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The United States and the Soviet Union agree that an objective of their
policies is to remove the danger of nuclear war and of the use of nuclear
weapons.

Accordingly, the Parties agree that they will act in such a manner as to
prevent the development of situations capable of causing a dangerous exacer-
bation of their relations, as to avoid military confrontations, and as to
exclude the outbreak of nuclear war between them and between either of the
Parties and other countries.

ARTICLE II

The Parties agree, in accordance with Article I and to realize the objective
stated in that Article, to proceed from the premise that each Party will
refrain from the threat or use of force against the other Party, against the
allies of the other Party and against other countries, in circumstances which
may endanger international peace and security. The Parties agree that they
will be guided by these considerations in the formulation of their foreign
policies and in their actions in the field of international relations.

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ARTICLE III

The Parties undertake to develop their relations with each other and with other countries in a way consistent with the purposes of this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV

If at any time relations between the Parties or between either Party and other countries appear to involve the risk of a nuclear conflict, or if relations between countries not parties to this Agreement appear to involve the risk of nuclear war between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics or between either Party and other countries, the United States and the Soviet Union, acting in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, shall immediately enter into urgent consultations with each other and make every effort to avert this risk.

ARTICLE V

Each Party shall be free to inform the Security Council of the United Nations, the Secretary General of the United Nations and the Governments of allied or other countries of the progress and outcome of consultations initiated in accordance with Article IV of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI

Nothing in this Agreement shall affect or impair:

- (a) the inherent right of individual or collective self-defense as envisaged by Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations,
- (b) the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, including those relating to the maintenance or restoration of international peace and security, and
- (c) the obligations undertaken by either Party towards its allies or other countries in treaties, agreements, and other appropriate documents.

ARTICLE VII

This Agreement shall be of unlimited duration.

ARTICLE VIII

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signature.

DONE at Washington on June 22, 1973, in two copies, each in the English and Russian languages, both texts being equally authentic.

FOR THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA:

FOR THE UNION OF SOVIET
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS:

President of the United States
of America

General Secretary of the
Central Committee, CPSU

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